

Administrator Gina McCarthy,

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For the past two years, moms from St. Louis (Just Moms STL) have been requesting a meeting with you to discuss the Bridgeton/West Lake Landfill site. We have traveled to Washington, DC twice--our most recent visit on Feb 9th and 10th of 2016. We had hopes of spending a few minutes with you to discuss the toxic environment we have been forced to live in.

Our children are being poisoned and are suffering adverse health effects because you and your agency have failed to protect them. The audacity you showed by turning a blind eye and a deaf ear is beyond comprehension. It is appalling that you would continue this approach even after you and your staff's silence allowed the children and families of Flint, Michigan to drink highly contaminated water for months, knowing the water pipes were leaching lead.

The EPA's latest attempt to bring in a third party facilitator to teach the moms how to communicate is a last ditch, desperate effort on the agency's part and quite frankly, a major insult to this community! Your solution to protecting our families is to send a facilitator? We have no desire to speak with a facilitator. For the past three years, we have followed EPA protocol, moving up the chain of command while you have been avoiding the public eye and allowing your staff to act irresponsibly and destructively. The children from Bridgeton/West Lake, Flint, Michigan, and other communities across the nation either are, or will be sick and dying under your administration. It would appear to the vast majority, as well as our elected officials and Attorney General that your inattentiveness and lack of desire to even respond to the moms and the Federal delegation of Missouri, would reveal that the only one in this situation that needs to be taught how to communicate is you and your agency.

We brought our children to Washington, DC with full expectations of them being able to share with you what life looks like from the perspective of a child trapped in this environment. Your choice to ignore them has set a disappointing example for our future generations. It is disgraceful, as well as an embarrassment to the United States that you choose to act in such a manner while filling the shoes of a prominent leader.

As the Federal Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the leader of an agency created to protect the people and the environment, you have full authority to move suffering families living within one mile of this landfill out of harm's way. The legacy of good things you have accomplished over the years will never be remembered if you continue to let yet another community be poisoned to the point of complete devastation.

We will continue this fight and have now set out to join forces with mothers from all over the United States. We have over 18,000 members and our group is growing every day.

You are a mother and grandmother, can't you understand the fear and concern we have for our children? Surrender to the children of Bridgeton/West Lake and implement the relocation program to protect them TODAY.

AG Koster sends letter to Congressional delegation supporting transfer of West Lake Landfill to FUSRAP:

<https://ago.mo.gov/home/ag-koster-sends-letter-to-congressional-delegation-supporting-transfer-of-west-lake-landfill-to-fusrap>

Washington Post Article:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2016/02/16/an-underground-fire-is-burning-not-far-from-a-radioactive-superfund-site-the-epa-says-theres-no-danger/>

What day will be good for us to meet to discuss this in full?

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